GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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JUTE PACKAGING MATERIALS ACT
SUBODH MOHITE

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to extract about Rs.2000 crore from cement companies as penalty for violating the mandatory packaging orders from 1995 to 1997;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the names of erring companies and amount to be realized as penalty from them;

(c) whether the cement and fertilizer companies are still violating the order made under the Jute packaging Materials Act, 1987;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action proposed by the Union Government to implement the order made under the Act in full?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. However, in pursuance of the order dated 01.04.2002 of the Hon`ble Delhi High Court in C.W.P.No.2941/1996 -IJMA Vs-UOI, the Jute Commissioner issued show-cause notices in August, 2002 to 58 cement and fertilizer companies for violation of the orders issued under the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987, against which 30 companies have moved to various High Courts in the country and also obtained stay in majority of cases. The amount of penalty will be subject to the final outcome in these court cases.

(c), (d) & (e) Cement and fertilizer have been exempted from the purview of Jute Packaging Materials Act, 1987 w.e.f. 15.12.98 and 1.9.2001 respectively. Hence, the question of implementation of the order does not arise. The proposed action in old cases will depend on the outcome of the court cases mentioned above.